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WHEN GODS WALK THE EARTH!

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DEVIL IN
THE SKY!

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IN THIS MAGAZINE, THE *HIDDEN* CHAPTERS IN THE HISTORY OF MAN ARE QUICKLY BEING REVEALED... UNTOUCHED FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, A LARGE CRYPT IN AN INCA RUIN HAS DISCHARGED A LIVING FLIGHT CREW... FOR A SPACECRAFT HAS APPEARED-- AND THIS IS THEIR CENTURY TO SERVICE THE

The DEVIL in NEW YORK!

ONE OF
THE GREAT
CELESTIALS
HAS LANDED...

IT IS ARISHEM--
LEADER OF THE
FOURTH HOST! THE
MISSION OF THE GODS
IS NOW CLEAR...
THIS IS THE HOUR
OF EARTH'S TRIAL!

BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN, AJAK?
DOES THIS ARISHEM HERALD
THE COMING OF DISASTROUS TIMES,
SUCH AS BEFELL MAN IN THE
DISTANT PAST?

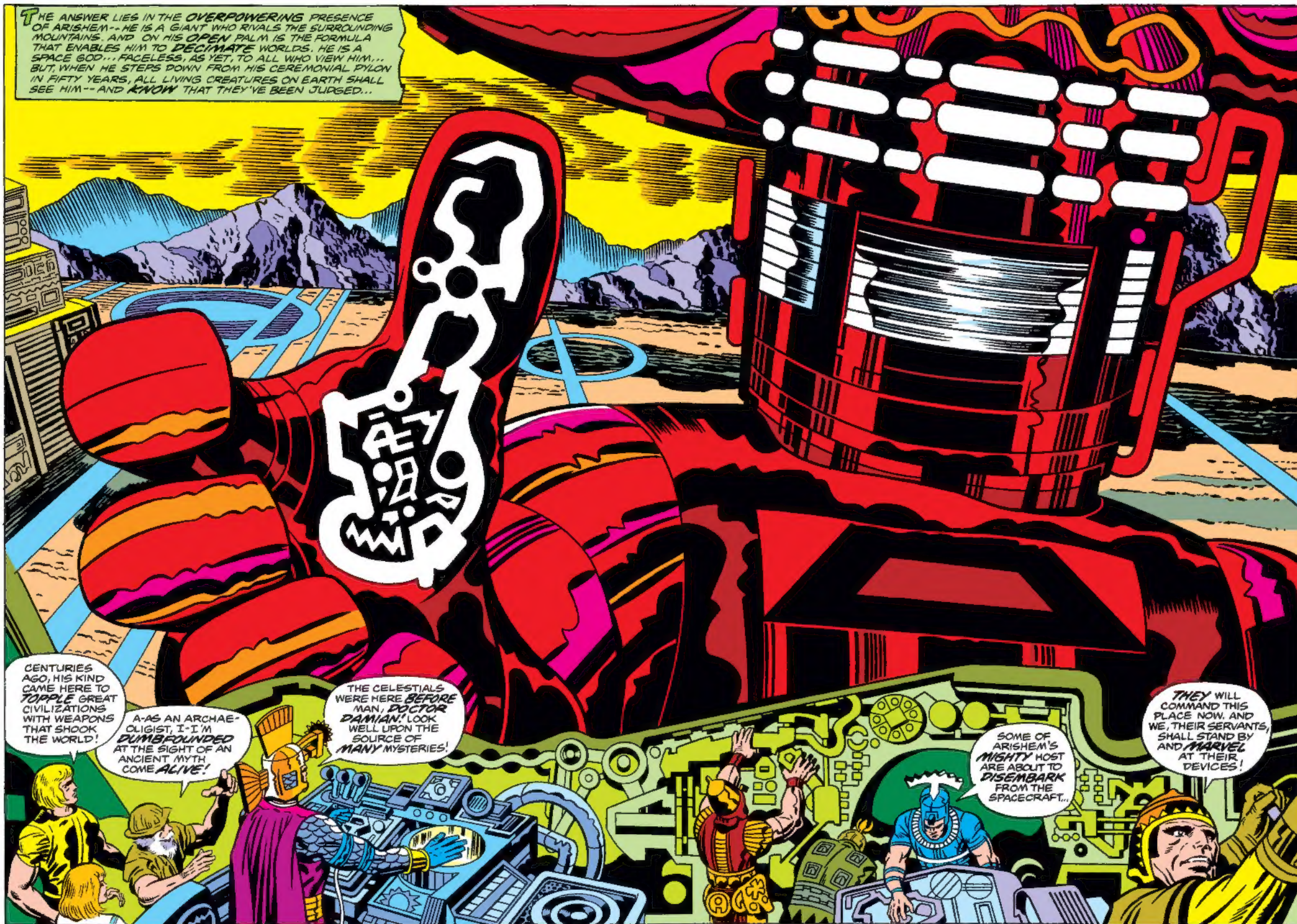
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THE ANSWER LIES IN THE OVERPOWERING PRESENCE OF ARISHEM-- HE IS A GIANT WHO RIVALS THE SURROUNDING MOUNTAINS. AND ON HIS OPEN PALM IS THE FORMULA THAT ENABLES HIM TO DECIMATE WORLDS. HE IS A SPACE GOD... FACELESS, AS YET, TO ALL WHO VIEW HIM... BUT, WHEN HE STEPS DOWN FROM HIS CEREMONIAL PYLON IN FIFTY YEARS, ALL LIVING CREATURES ON EARTH SHALL SEE HIM-- AND KNOW THAT THEY'VE BEEN JUDGED...



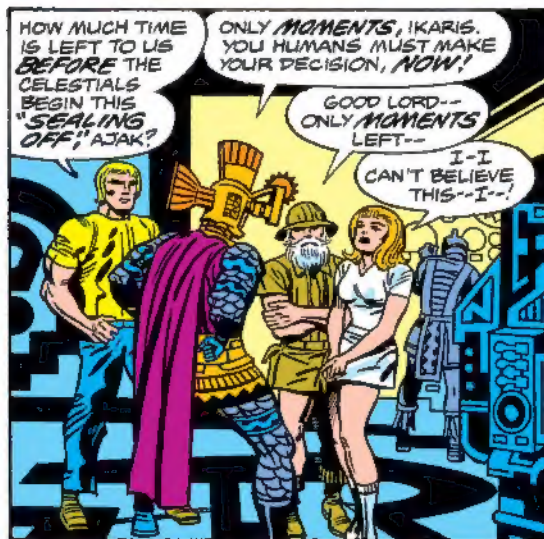
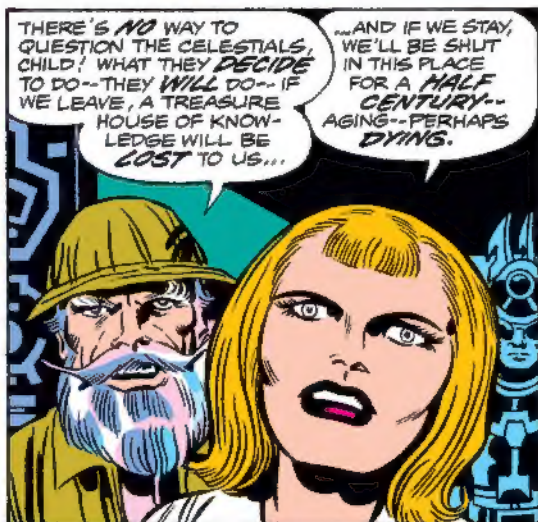
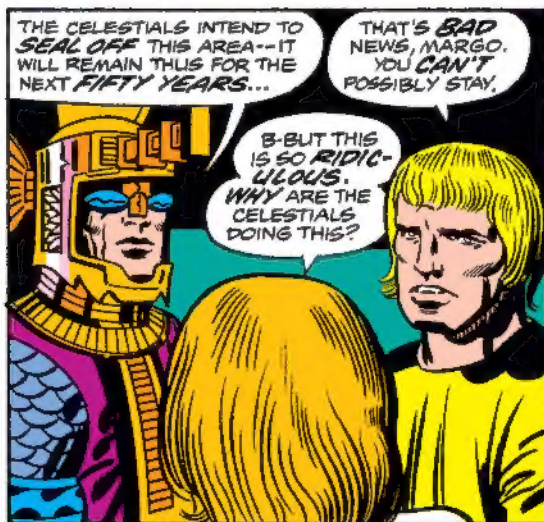
CENTURIES AGO, HIS KIND CAME HERE TO TOPPLE GREAT CIVILIZATIONS WITH WEAPONS THAT SHOOK THE WORLD!

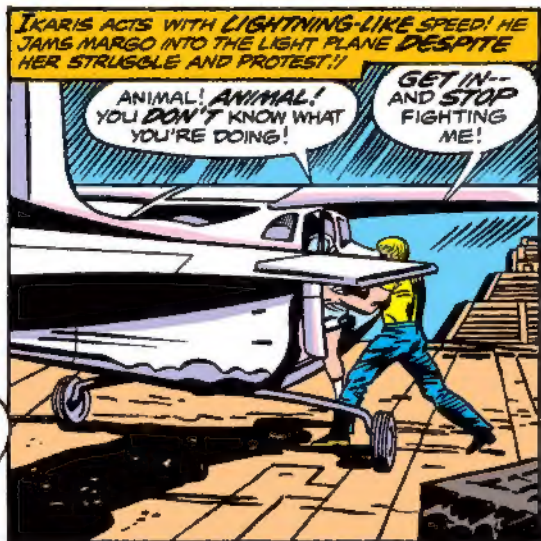
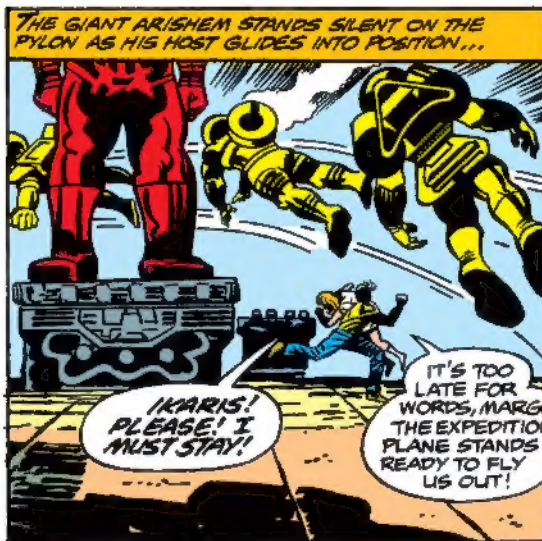
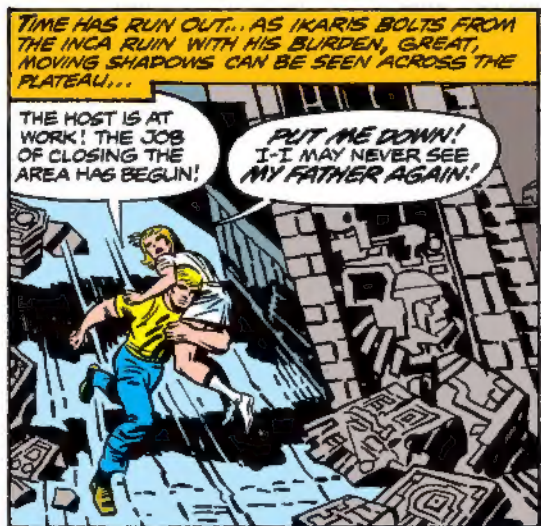
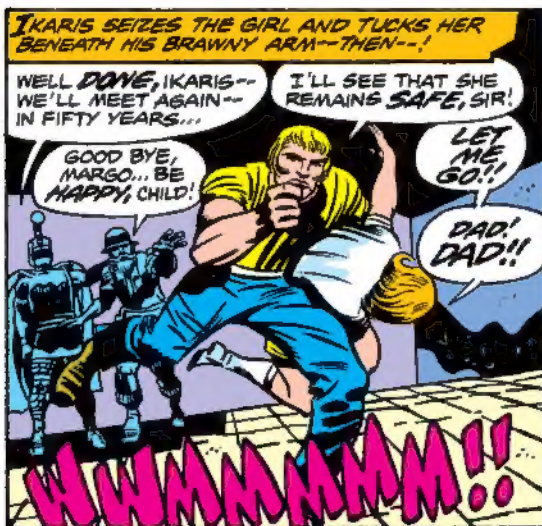
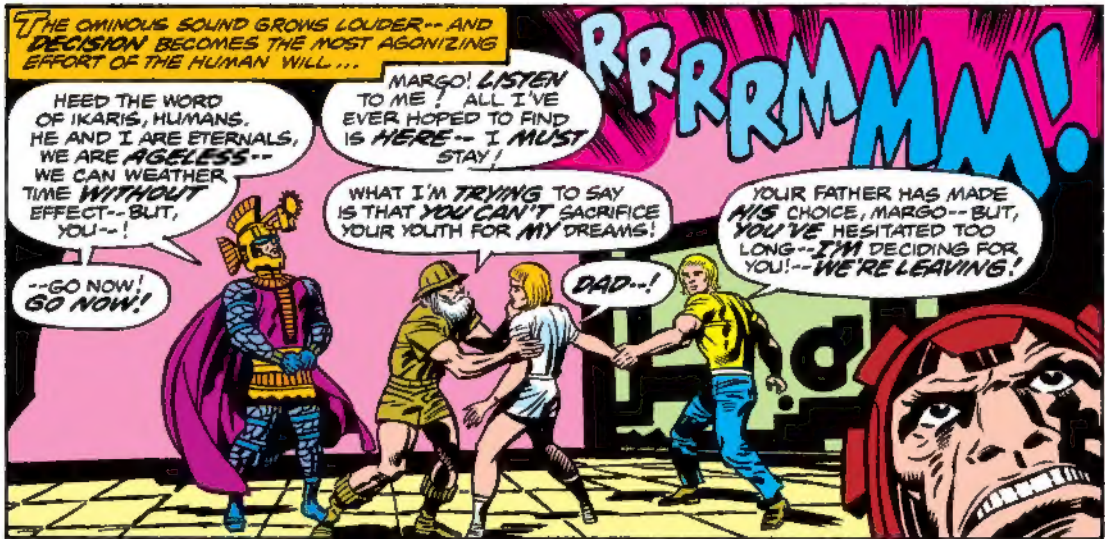
A-AS AN ARCHAEOLOGIST, I-I'M DUMBFOUNDED AT THE SIGHT OF AN ANCIENT MYTH COME ALIVE!

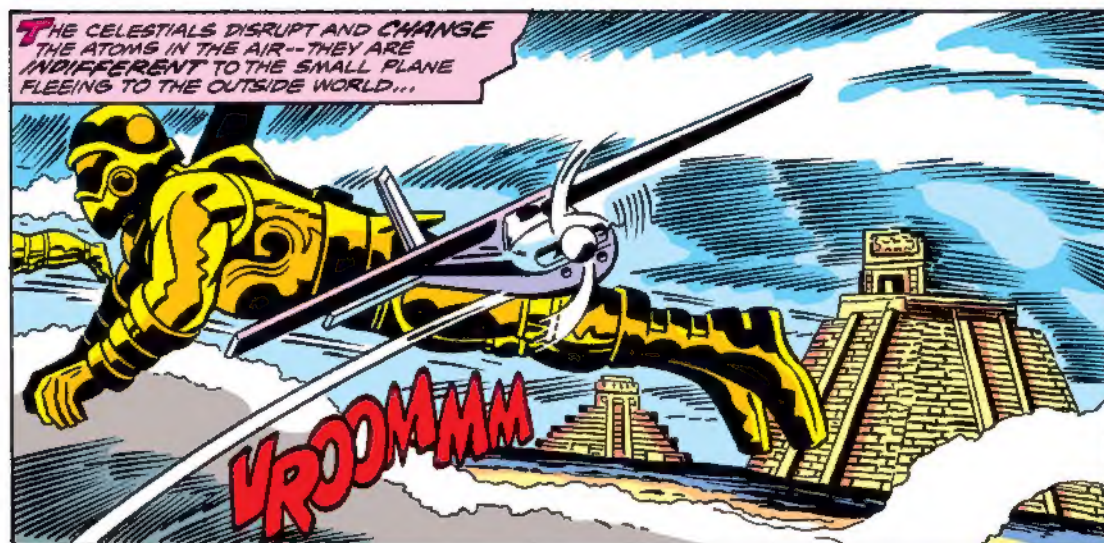
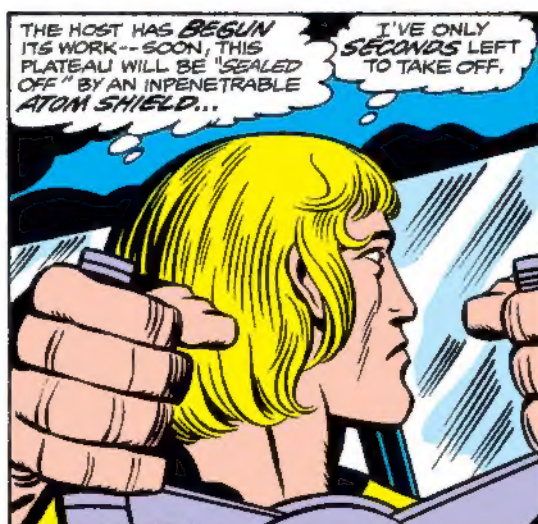
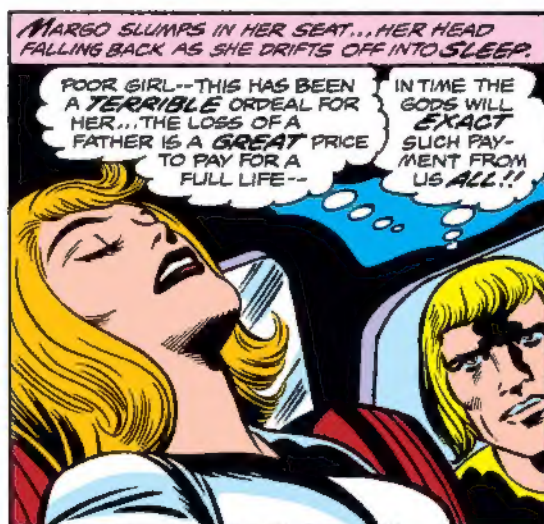
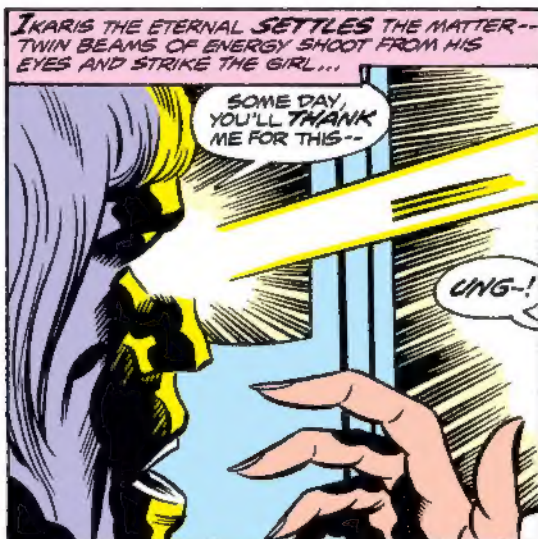
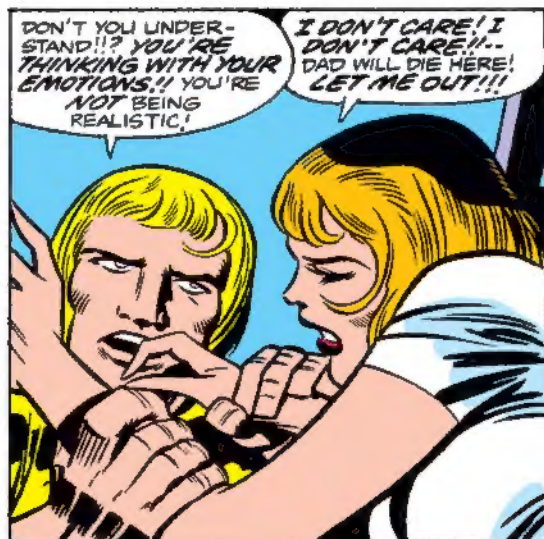
THE CELESTIALS WERE HERE BEFORE MAN, DOCTOR DAMIAN! LOOK WELL UPON THE SOURCE OF MANY MYSTERIES!

SOME OF ARISHEM'S MIGHTY HOST ARE ABOUT TO DISEMBARK FROM THE SPACECRAFT...

THEY WILL COMMAND THIS PLACE NOW. AND WE, THEIR SERVANTS, SHALL STAND BY AND MARVEL AT THEIR DEVICES!







MEANWHILE, IN THE UNDERSEA KINGDOM OF THE **DEVIANTS**, ANOTHER **HIDDEN CHAPTER** OF HISTORY UNFOLDS... THESE ARE CRUEL AND MISSHAPEN PEOPLE WHO SHARE THE **SAME**, COMMON ANCESTOR WITH HUMANS AND ETERNALS. LIKE IKARIS. ONCE, THESE DEVIANTS DARED TO CHALLENGE THE GODS AND LOST... NOW, LIKE THE GODS, THAT DREAM HAS BEEN **RESURRECTED**...

PUNISHMENT **WON'T** CHANGE HIM! **KRO** WILL BE A FOOL TO THE END!

YOU **KNEW** THAT THE GODS WERE RETURNING TO EARTH, **KRO**! YET YOU **FAILED** TO STOP THEM! THEY WILL SOON BE UPON US!

AMPH! WITH SUCH A WARLORD TO LEAD US, I PREDICT A **GLOOMY** FUTURE FOR OUR HOPES!

NOT SO! NOT SO! RELEASE ME--AND WE SHALL **BEAT** THE GODS--

(**CACKLE**) HE'S **BOASTFUL** AS EVER!! OUR RULING FAMILY HAS **NEVER** BEEN SHORT OF BRAG-GARTS!!

YET, **KRO** IS **NOT** WITHOUT CLEVERNESS AND SPIRIT! I SAY **GIVE** HIM HIS CHANCE! **RELEASE** HIM!

INCIDENTALLY, IF YOU'D LIKE MORE OF A **FILL IN** ON THE DEVIANTS, GET THE TWO PREVIOUS ISSUES AND SEE A **STARTLING** VIEW OF PRE-HISTORY.--YOUR PAL J.K.



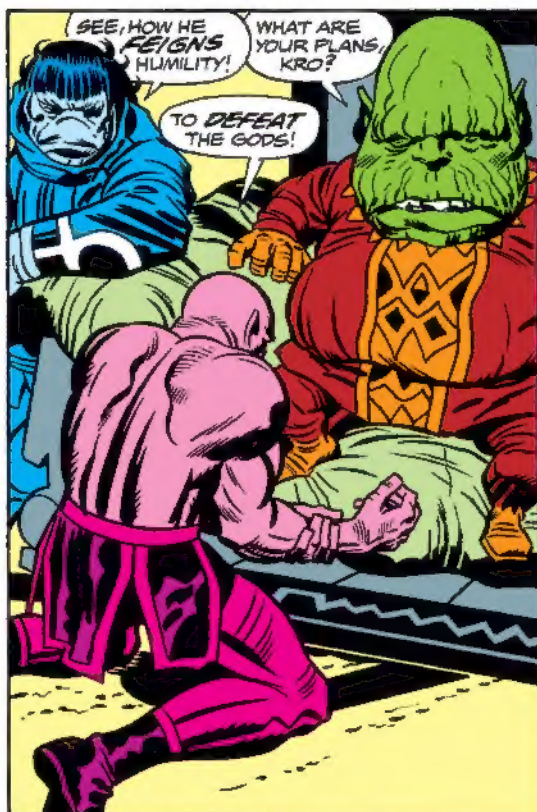
AT A SILENT COMMAND FROM GREAT TODE, THE RULER, TWO GUARDS UNCLAMP KRO FROM THE **TORMENT MACHINE...**

YOU'VE **DONE** YOUR PENANCE, KRO... COME FORTH AND GROVEL FOR AMNESTY!

KLK!

KLK!

I THANK YOU, SIRE!



SEE, HOW HE **FEIGNS** HUMILITY!

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS, KRO?

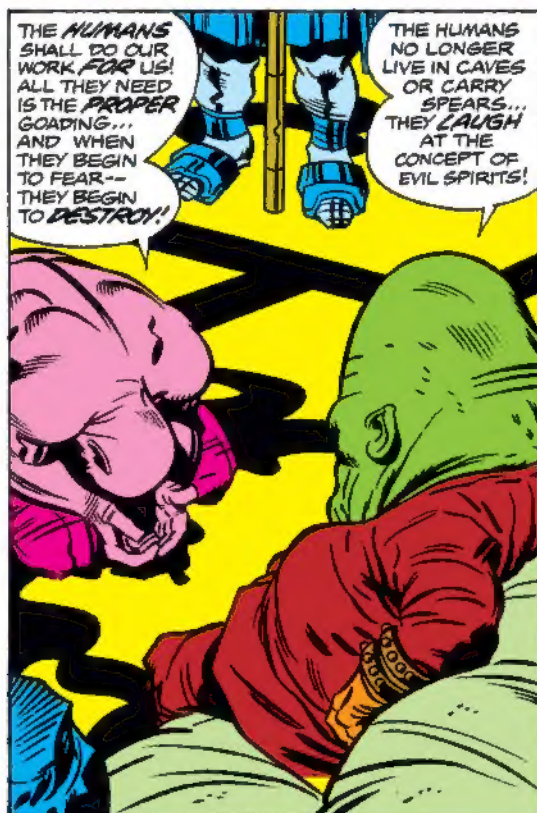
TO **DEFEAT** THE GODS!



HAHAHAHAHA! A TALL ORDER, BRAGGART!

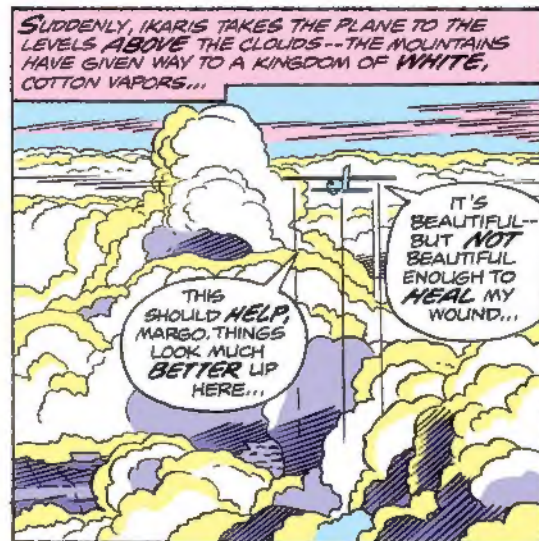
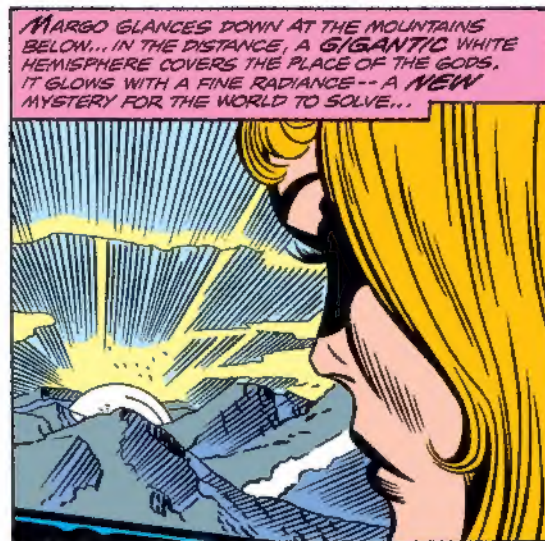
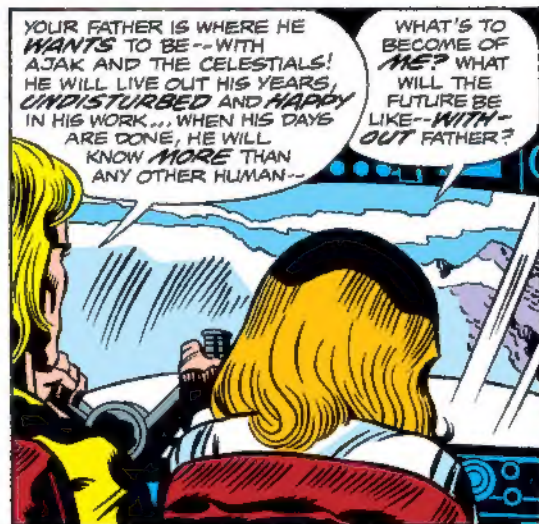
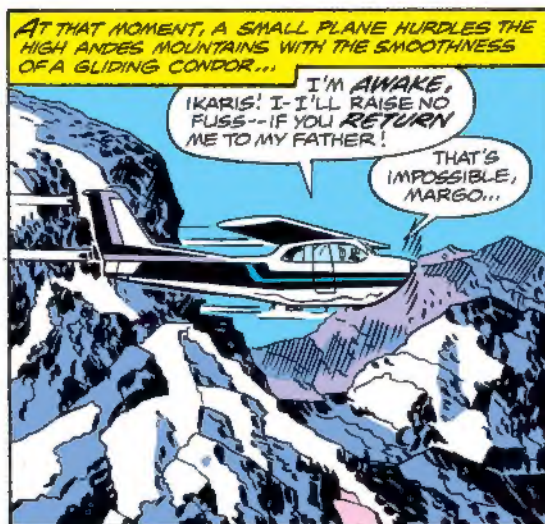
I WOULD HEAR **MORE**, KRO... I WOULD HEAR HOW THIS **JOYOUS** VICTORY OVER THE GODS MAY COME ABOUT...

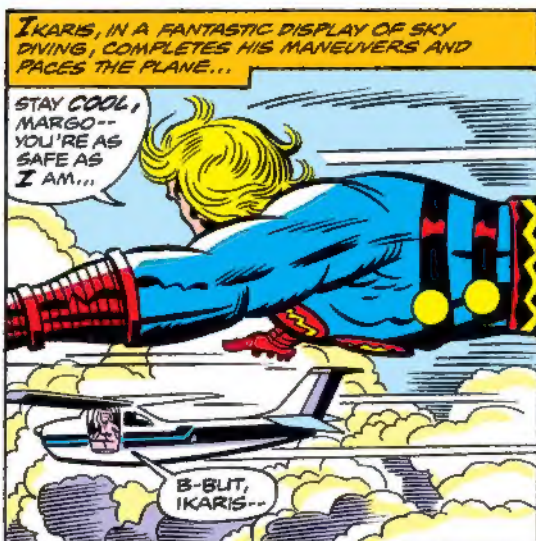
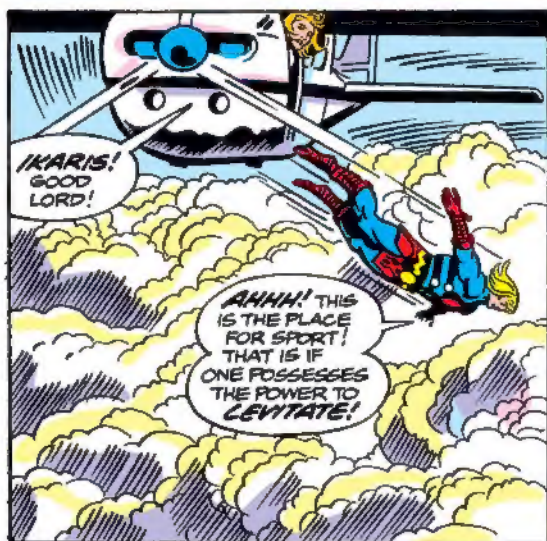
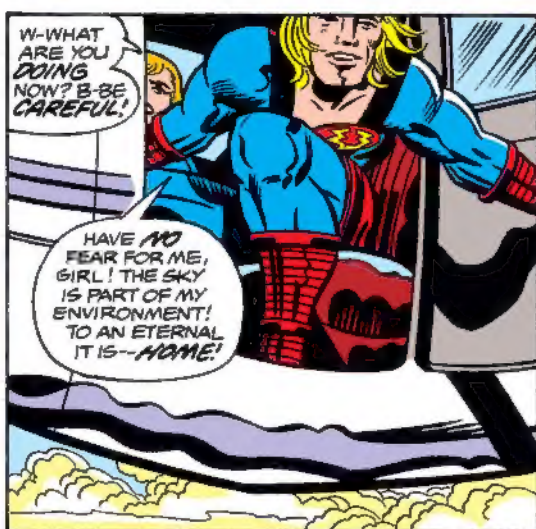
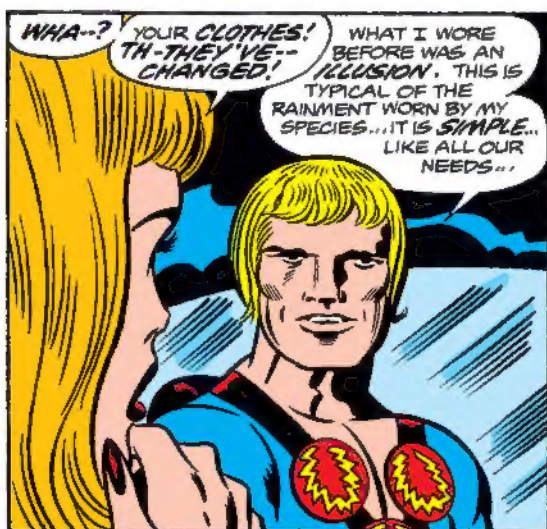
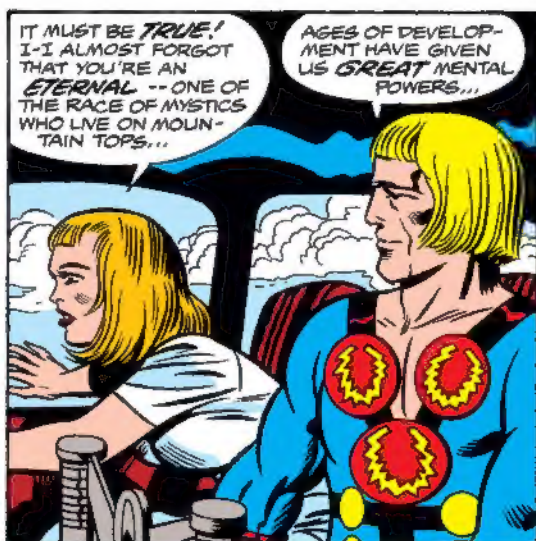
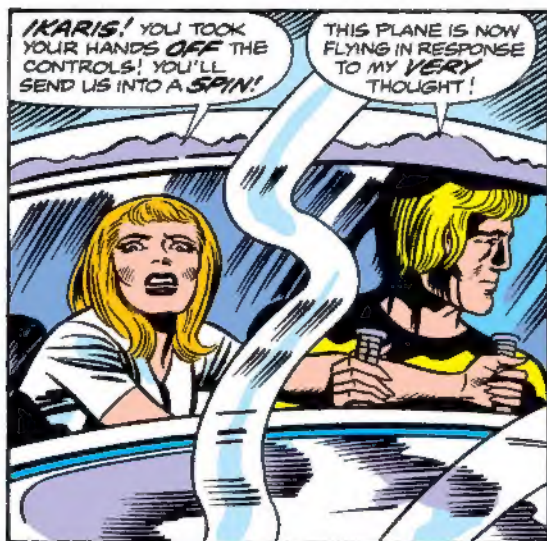
YES, TELL US, O' **GLORIOUS** LEADER OF OUR FORCES...



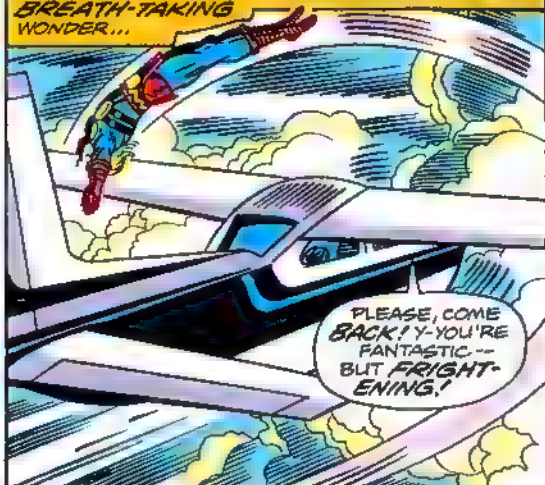
THE **HUMANS** SHALL DO OUR WORK **FOR** US! ALL THEY NEED IS THE **PROPER** GOADING... AND WHEN THEY BEGIN TO FEAR-- THEY BEGIN TO **DESTROY!**

THE **HUMANS** NO LONGER LIVE IN CAVES OR CARRY SPEARS... THEY **LAUGH** AT THE CONCEPT OF EVIL SPIRITS!





IKARIS WHEELS ABOUT THE SKY-- A THING OUT OF LEGEND AND MYTH-- A SIGHT OF GRACE AND BREATH-TAKING WONDER...



PLEASE, COME BACK! Y-YOU'RE FANTASTIC-- BUT FRIGHTENING!

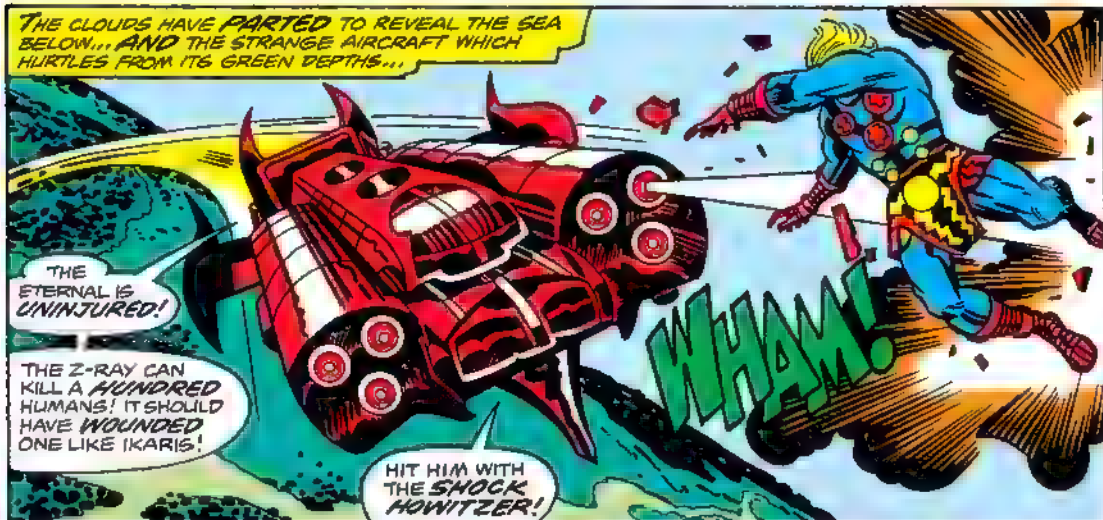
THEN, A BRIGHT, JAGGED FLASH CATCHES HIM IN MID-FLIGHT AND STAGGERS HIM WITH ITS POTENT POWER...



UGH!..

TZTTC!!

THE CLOUDS HAVE PARTED TO REVEAL THE SEA BELOW... AND THE STRANGE AIRCRAFT WHICH HURTTLES FROM ITS GREEN DEPTHS...



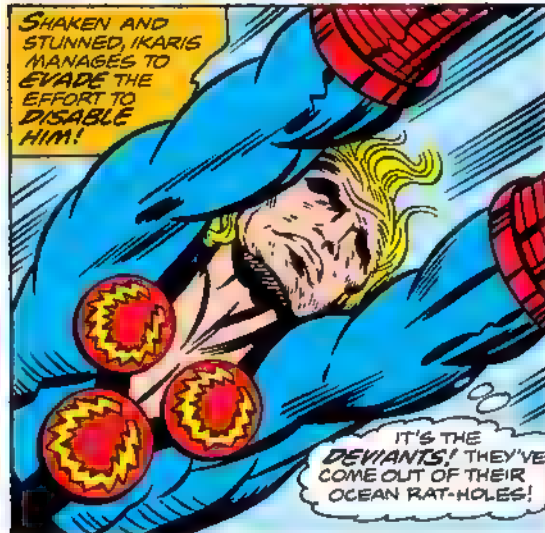
THE ETERNAL IS UNINJURED!

THE Z-RAY CAN KILL A HUNDRED HUMANS! IT SHOULD HAVE WOUNDED ONE LIKE IKARIS!

HIT HIM WITH THE SHOCK HOWITZER!

WHAM!

SHAKEN AND STUNNED, IKARIS MANAGES TO EVADE THE EFFORT TO DISABLE HIM!



IT'S THE DEVIANTS! THEY'VE COME OUT OF THEIR OCEAN RAT-HOLES!

DON'T BE FRIGHTENED, MARGO-- I'LL HANDLE THEM!!



IKARIS! W-WHAT'S HAPPENING!?

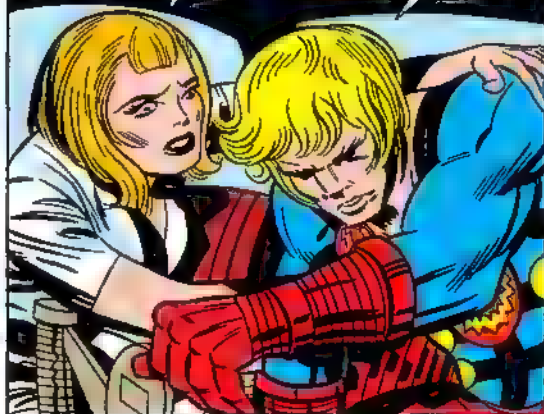
HIT HIM, YOU FOOLS!

ZZAAPP!!

INSIDE THE PLANE--

Y-YOU'RE HURT! I-I DON'T KNOW HOW TO HELP YOU--!

STAY YOUR FEARS, GIRL-- ETERNALS CAN BE HURT-- BUT THEY **CANNOT** DIE!!



W-WHAT HAPPENS **NOW?** THAT HOSTILE SHIP IS DETERMINED TO WRECK US!! WE **HAVEN'T** GOT A CHANCE OF ESCAPING--!

PLEASE, **LISTEN**, MARGO! DO AS I TELL YOU! SIT BACK IN YOUR SEAT AND **BRACE** YOURSELF!



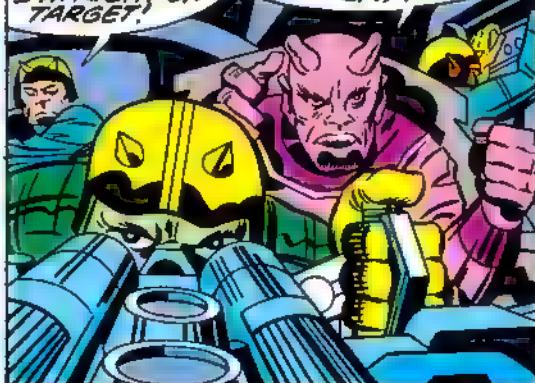
IKARIS SHUTS HIS EYES AND BEGINS TO CONCENTRATE ON SOME **UNFATHOMABLE** THOUGHT... HIS BROW KNOTS-- AND THE SKIN TIGHTENS ON HIS RUGGED FEATURES.



MEANWHILE, IN THE PURSUING AIRCRAFT, **KRO** THE DEVIANT HARANGUES HIS CREW TO **GREATER EFFORT!!!**

THIS SHOT WILL DO THE JOB, SIRE! I'M RIGHT ON TARGET!

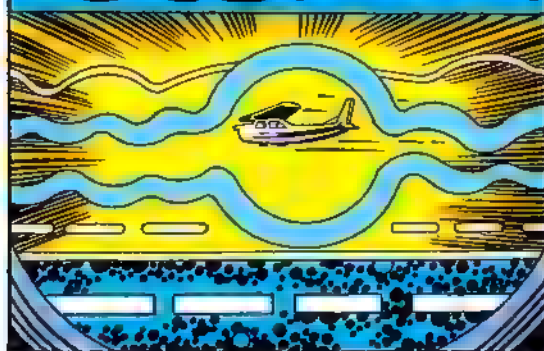
MAKE CERTAIN THIS TIME! **BLAST** THEM OUT OF THE SKY!



IN THE ELECTRONIC GUNSIGHT, THE LIGHT PLANE APPEARS LIKE A HELPLESS MOTH-- AWAITING SUDDEN DESTRUCTION...

STEADY-- STEADY--

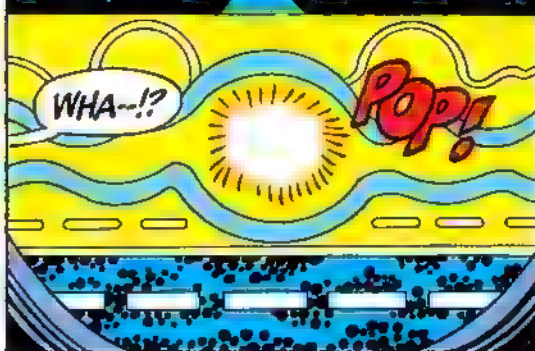
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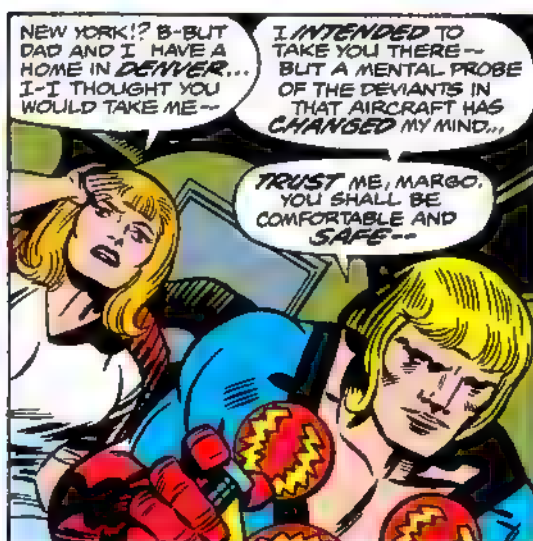
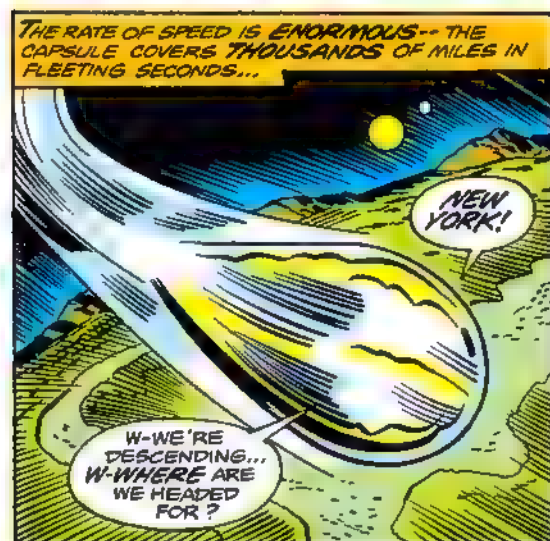
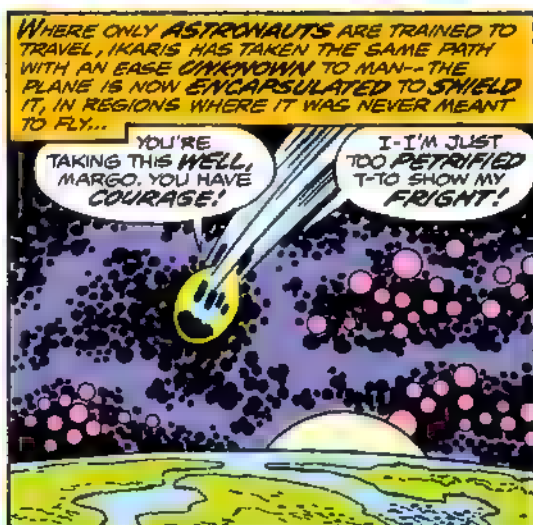


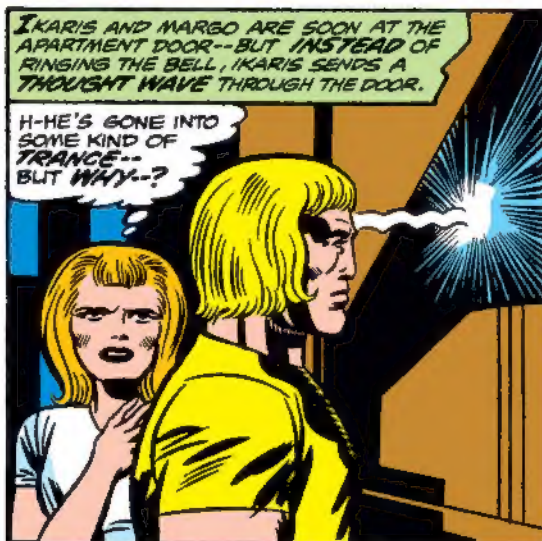
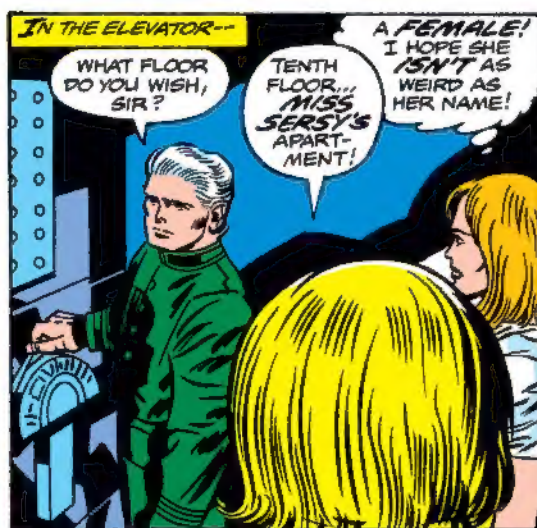
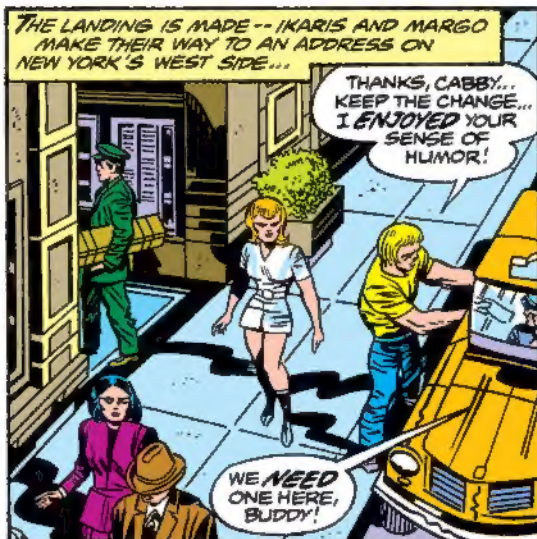
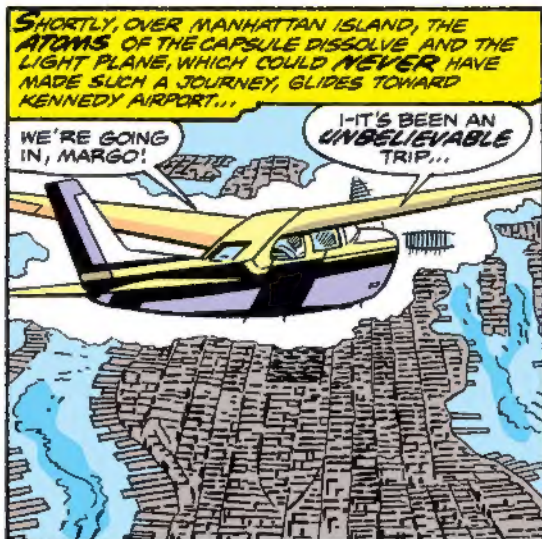
BUT, A FRACTION OF AN INSTANT **BEFORE** THE TRIGGER IS PRESSED, THE VIEW-SCREEN GOES **BLANK!** ITS TARGET **VANISHES** FROM SIGHT... THE ASTONISHED GUNNER STARES AT AN EMPTY SKY...

WHA--!?

POP!







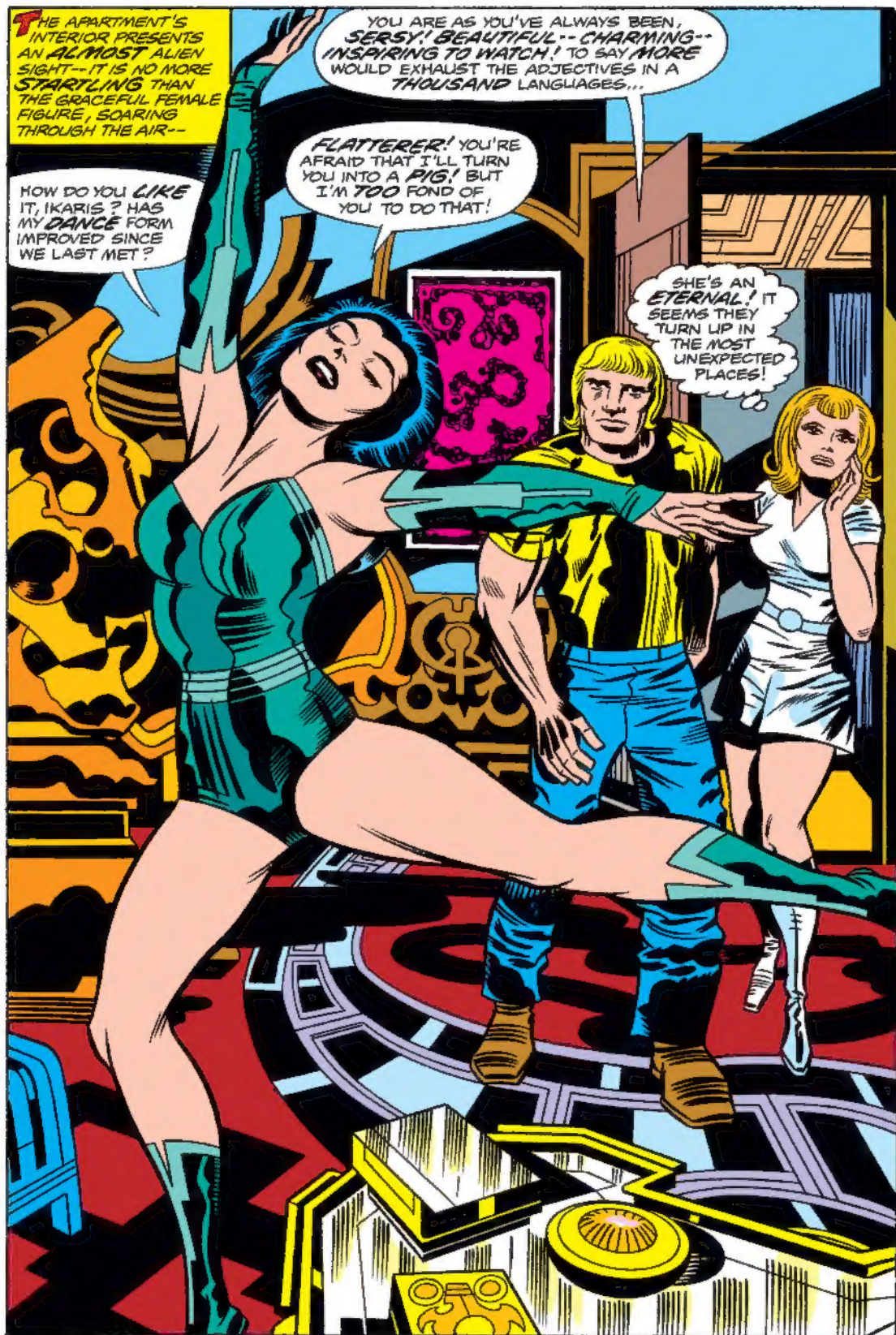
THE APARTMENT'S INTERIOR PRESENTS AN **ALMOST** ALIEN SIGHT--IT IS NO MORE **STARTLING** THAN THE GRACEFUL FEMALE FIGURE, SOARING THROUGH THE AIR--

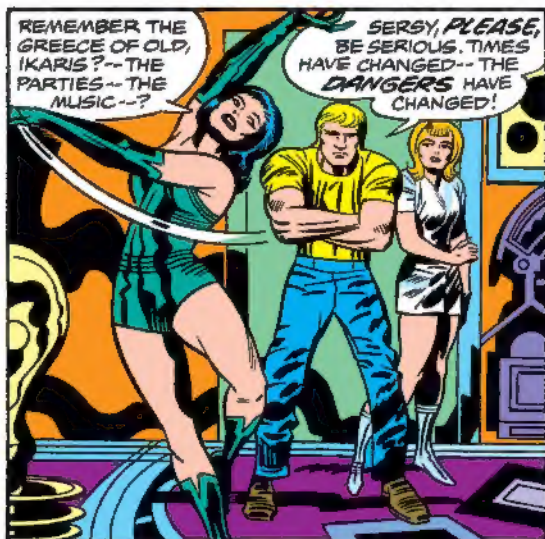
HOW DO YOU **LIKE** IT, IKARIS? HAS MY **DANCE** FORM IMPROVED SINCE WE LAST MET?

YOU ARE AS YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN, **SERSY!** **BEAUTIFUL--CHARMING--INSPIRING TO WATCH!** TO SAY **MORE** WOULD EXHAUST THE ADJECTIVES IN A **THOUSAND** LANGUAGES...

FLATTERER! YOU'RE AFRAID THAT I'LL TURN YOU INTO A **PIG!** BUT I'M **TOO** FOND OF YOU TO DO THAT!

SHE'S AN **ETERNAL!** IT SEEMS THEY TURN UP IN THE MOST UNEXPECTED PLACES!





REMEMBER THE GREECE OF OLD, IKARIS?--THE PARTIES--THE MUSIC--?

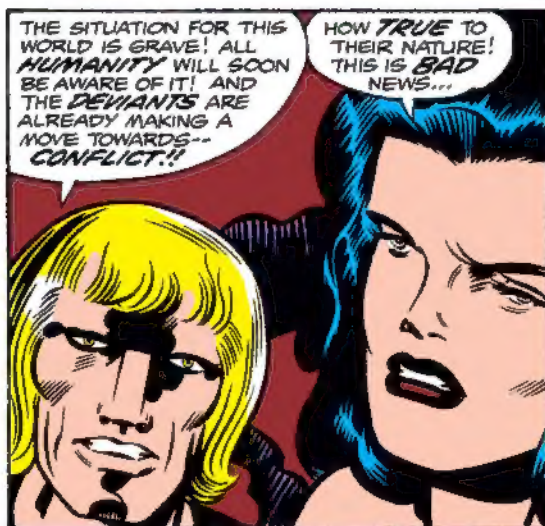
SERSY, PLEASE, BE SERIOUS. TIMES HAVE CHANGED--THE DANGERS HAVE CHANGED!



SO, YOU'VE BROUGHT THIS GIRL TO ME--TO PLACE HER UNDER MY PROTECTION...

I'VE BEEN TO THE INCA RUINS IN THE ANDES, SERSY--THE SPACE GODS HAVE RETURNED!

I CAN READ YOUR THOUGHTS, IKARIS!



THE SITUATION FOR THIS WORLD IS GRAVE! ALL HUMANITY WILL SOON BE AWARE OF IT! AND THE DEVIANTS ARE ALREADY MAKING A MOVE TOWARDS--CONFLICT!!

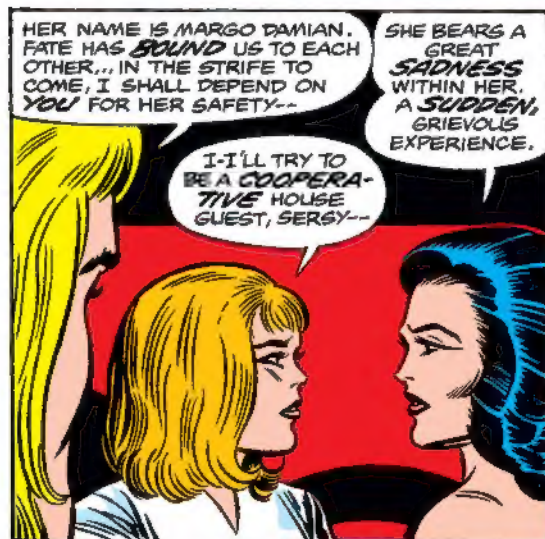
HOW TRUE TO THEIR NATURE! THIS IS BAD NEWS...



THAT'S WHY YOU'VE COME HERE... THE DEVIANTS HAVE CHOSEN NEW YORK FOR THEIR FIRST STRIKE!

I SHALL BE HERE WHEN THE DEVIANTS ARRIVE... BUT FIRST, I MUST PLACE THIS HUMAN IN YOUR CHARGE!

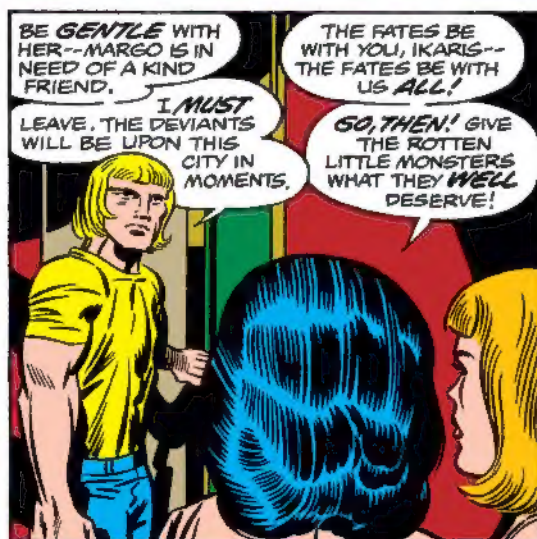
IKARIS, LISTEN--



HER NAME IS MARGO DAMIAN. FATE HAS BOUND US TO EACH OTHER... IN THE STRIFE TO COME, I SHALL DEPEND ON YOU FOR HER SAFETY--

SHE BEARS A GREAT SADNESS WITHIN HER. A SUDDEN, GRIEVOUS EXPERIENCE.

I-I'LL TRY TO BE A COOPERATIVE HOUSE GUEST, SERSY--



BE GENTLE WITH HER--MARGO IS IN NEED OF A KIND FRIEND.

THE FATES BE WITH YOU, IKARIS--THE FATES BE WITH US ALL!

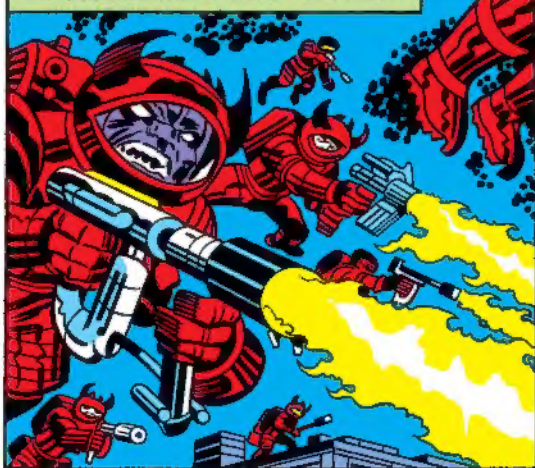
I MUST LEAVE. THE DEVIANTS WILL BE UPON THIS CITY IN MOMENTS.

GO, THEN! GIVE THE ROTTEN LITTLE MONSTERS WHAT THEY WELL DESERVE!

BUT THE TERROR HAS ALREADY OVERTAKEN THE CITY-- A FIERY BEAM HAS SWEEPED LIKE A SCYTHE FROM THE SKY AND SET A BLOCK OF WAREHOUSES AFLAME...



DEMONIC FIGURES GARBED IN SPACESUITS DESCEND WITH THERMAL WEAPONS-- CHAOS AND DESTRUCTION FOLLOW RAPIDLY!



IT IS THE SIGHT OF ONE AWESOME VISION, OUTLINED STARKLY AGAINST THE FLAMES, THAT CURDLES THE MARROW OF THE FLEEING CROWDS!



TREMBLE, HUMANS!

I'VE RETURNED FROM SPACE TO RECLAIM THIS DOMAIN!

EACH HUMAN EYE SEES AND BELIEVES! EACH HUMAN EAR HEARS THE VOICE-- AND KNOWS IT BELONGS TO THE KING OF INFAMY!!

IT'S THE DEVIL HIMSELF!! THE DEVIL IS REAL!

I NEVER BELIEVED HE EXISTED UNTIL NOW!

HE'S COME BACK TO PLAGUE US! WHAT'LL WE DO?



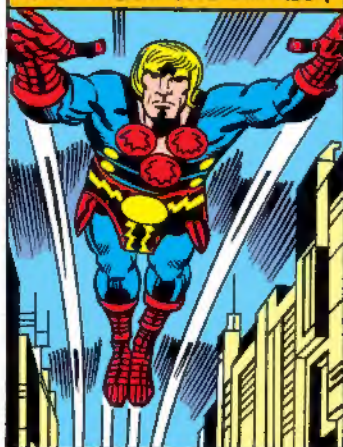
THERE IS FEAR, AND THERE IS PANIC! YET IN MANY THERE IS ALSO ANGER!

HE DOESN'T FRIGHTEN ME! I SAY WE CAN LICK 'IM AND SEND HIM BACK INTO SPACE!

IF IT'S A FIGHT HE WANTS, THEN HE'LL GET ONE!



EVEN AS IKARIS HASTENS TO THE SCENE, THE STAGE IS SET FOR A WAR THAT WILL SWEEP THE WORLD!



NEXT ISSUE:

**ETERNAL VERSUS
DEVIAN'T!!!**

AND MORE OF THE GODS!

THE MOST SPECTACULAR
BATTLE EVER FOUGHT IN
A MARVEL COMIC!

-- READ --

**NIGHT
OF THE
DEMONS!**